

HONORING WILLIAM LUCY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William Lucy for his lifetime of pioneering work in the labor community.

William "Bill" Lucy was a native of Memphis before he came out west to attend the University of California, Berkeley. A civil engineer by trade, Lucy was an assistant materials and research engineer for Contra Costa County, California. In 1965, he became President of AFSCME Local 1675, Contra Costa County Employees. Lucy joined the AFSCME International staff in 1966 as the Associate Director of the Legislation and Community Affairs Departments before serving as Executive Assistant to AFSCME's late president, Jerry Wurf.

Bill Lucy was elected International Secretary-Treasurer, the second-highest ranking officer, of the 1.3 million member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO in May 1972. Lucy has since been re-elected every four years, most recently in 2000, resulting in a tenure in office of more than 30 years.

In addition to his position at AFSCME, Lucy is an important leader of the AFL-CIO. In October 1995, Lucy was named a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council and is vice president of the Maritime Trades Department and Department for Professional Employees.

International affairs are of special interest to Bill. In November 1994, Lucy became the president of Public Services International, the world's largest union federation. He also serves on the boards of directors for the Africa America Institute, Americans for Democratic Action and the Center for Policy Alternatives.

He is a founder and the president of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), an organization of union leaders and rank-and-file members dedicated to the unique needs of African Americans and minority group workers. His devotion to the idea of staying within the African American Community has now opened many doors to the ranks of union leadership for the next generation which is comprised of all ethnic backgrounds.

In a nation with such a critical need for increased minority leadership and representation in the unions, William Lucy is the highest ranking African-American labor leader in the nation and innovative founder of several African American union councils. His is an example that continues to lead the mission in promoting unionized workplaces, as well as providing and maintaining positive role models for inner city youth in these troubled times.

I take great pride in joining Bill Lucy's friends and colleagues today to salute the extraordinary William Lucy.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES 23 YEARS OF DEDICATED PASTORAL SERVICE OF BISHOP JEROME S. WILCOX AND FIRST LADY ELDER MAE E. WILCOX

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the commitment of bishop Jerome S. Wilcox and First Lady Elder Mae E. Wilcox to their congregants at Grace Cathedral Fellowship Ministries and to the extended community of central New Jersey.

From his call to service 35 years ago, Bishop Wilcox has taken a church of thirteen members and, through hard work and God's blessings, expanded his congregation to well over five hundred.

His call to the assistance of others was exhibited even earlier than his establishment of the then entitled Grace Cathedral First Born Church in 1979. Previously, he served his community as a Vice Principal of a local public school, even then excelling as a mentor and role model.

In addition to Grace Cathedral, Bishop Wilcox continues his good work in the greater central Jersey area with the Covenant Partners Association of Trenton New Jersey and the Surrounding Areas, with the Concerned Pastors, and with the Township Commission.

The service to Central New Jersey performed by Bishop and First Lady Elder Wilcox is impressive and commendable and I am proud to rise here today in their honor.

SENSE OF HOUSE THAT CONGRESS SHOULD COMPLETE ACTION ON H.R. 4019, PERMANENT MARRIAGE PENALTY RELIEF ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, last May 26, I voted with 239 of my colleagues to scrap the marriage penalty once and for all. We didn't vote to phase it out over ten years and then bring it back; we voted to get rid of it. Why? Because, above all, our tax code must be fair.

Is it fair to tax marriage? Is it fair to tell a young couple on the event of marriage that, aside from paying for the invitations, caterer, photographer, music, and reception hall, they'll have to pay an additional \$1400 in taxes every year? What kind of message are we sending to the American people when we can afford wasteful spending like tattoo removal programs, but are not willing to invest in marriage? Well, how's this for bringing home pork: phasing out the marriage penalty once and for all will return \$81.2 million to the 58,000 couples in the Second District of Nebraska. That way, they can spend their money the way they want.

I keep hearing from the other side of the aisle that tax cuts cost money. Who does it cost? It certainly costs the 175,000 couples in

my state of Nebraska, who pay the marriage penalty every year. But, it doesn't cost the federal government anything.

If we fail to work to make provisions of President Bush's tax cut permanent, the American taxpayers will experience the single greatest tax increase in U.S. history: more than \$380 billion in the year 2012.

Mr. Speaker, this tax is unfair, unnecessary, and wrong. It defies American morals, it defies logic, and it flies in the face of family values. Let's bring some common sense back to our tax code. Vote for this legislation.

HONORING MAXIE WALKER
WILSON

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

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Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to a longtime friend and a prominent member of the Overton, Texas, community, Maxie Walker Wilson, who passed away in June of this year at the age of 85. Walker was active in various projects throughout his life and was well-known as a cattle rancher, breeder and importer who traveled throughout the world in search of cattle.

As a result of his extensive travel, Walker was instrumental in improving the importation process of foreign cattle breeds to the United States and the building of a quarantine station in the Florida Keys by the United States Department of Agriculture. He served in various capacities for many cattle breed associations, including president of the American International Charolais Association, president of the American Charbray Association, director of the Texas Charolais Breeders Association, director of the Bluebonnet Charolais Association and a founding member of the East Texas Farm and Ranch Club.

Walker was a prominent leader of the Overton community. He served on the Overton School Board for six years and was president for a two-year term. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and the East Texas Area Council and in 1960 received the Silver Beaver Award for outstanding service to the Boy Scouts. As a member of the Overton Chamber of Commerce, he was selected as "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" in 1964. He was also a member of the Overton Rotary Club and a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church, where he served on many committees.

Walker's favorite pastime was the game of golf. He was active in the Overton Golf Association for many years and assisted in the development of the Overton Community Golf Course. He also was an avid quail hunter, a sport he enjoyed with his sons and close friends.

Walker is survived by his wife of 64 years, Winifred Wilson; sons and daughters-in-law Weir and Susan Wilson of Fort Worth, Dr. Steve and Charlotte Wilson of Tyler, and Barry and Pat Wilson of Big Spring; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Walker was one of those men who dreamed big and worked hard to make those dreams come true. He was always active in his business, in his community, and with his family, and he will be sorely missed.